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DATE: September 03, 2010

RE: **STAFF REPORT** – IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF RALPH TIPPLE D/B/A COM-TECH SYSTEMS FOR APPROVAL TO CANCEL THEIR CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY FOR CUSTOMER OWNED PAY TELEPHONE SERVICES (DOCKET NO. T-03972A-10-0097)

On March 15, 2010, Ralph Tipple d/b/a Com-Tech Systems (“Company”) filed an application to cancel its Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (“CC&N”) to provide customer owned pay telephone (“COPT”) service in Arizona. The Commission granted the Company a CC&N to provide COPT services in Decision No. 63607 dated April 24, 2001.

On June 16, 2010, Staff contacted Ralph Tipple, President of the Company to confirm that he is the authorized person that submitted the Application. Mr. Tipple stated that the COPT telephones and equipment were removed and sold. He also stated that he does not want a hearing to cancel his authority to provide COPT services.

The Compliance Section of the Utilities Division indicates that the Company does not have any delinquencies in the Compliance Database. As a result, there are no outstanding compliance issues.

The Consumer Services Section of the Utilities Division stated that from January 1, 2007 through March 17, 2010 there are no complaints, inquiries or opinions filed against the Company. Consumer Services Section further stated that the Company is not in good standing with the Corporations Division of the Commission. The Company was administratively dissolved on October 24, 2007 for failure to file annual reports.

Staff recommends approval of the request to cancel the Company’s CC&N. Staff further recommends that the cancellation not become effective until a decision is issued by the Commission authorizing such cancellation. Upon cancellation of its CC&N, Ralph Tipple d/b/a Com-Tech Systems will not be authorized to provide COPT telecommunications services in Arizona and therefore, will not have to meet any of the requirements of Decision No. 63607.

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